

**MINUTES OF MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

June 7, 2002

A meeting of the Washington State Board of Optometry was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 7, 2002, by R. Richard Ryan, Jr., O.D., Chair. The meeting was held in the Laguardia Room of the Holiday Inn SeaTac, 17336 International Boulevard, Seattle Washington.

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Lund Chin, O.D.
R. Richard Ryan, Jr., O.D., Chair
Jeffrey Sutro, O.D.
Ben Wong, Jr., O.D.,

STAFF PRESENT:

Donald Williams, Executive Director
Judy Haenke, Program Manager
Melissa Quirke, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sherri Egashura, O.D., Optometric Physicians of Wash
Diane Charles, Optician Association of Washington
Dave Fairbanks, Wal-Mart Optical

ORDER OF AGENDA

OPEN SESSION:

1. Call to Order

1.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended as follows:
Item 5 was deferred.

1.2 Approval of Minutes of March 2002, meeting

The minutes were approved as written.

2. Post Graduate Education Seminar

2.1 Report on March 2002 Seminar

The Board reviewed program evaluations from those who attended the March 2002 seminar at the University of Washington.

2.2 Discussion whether to hold future post graduate seminars.

The Board discussed the feasibility of continuing to provide an annual post-graduate seminar to Washington licensees. Discussion included the following:

- The increased cost to provide the seminar
- The impact on the current budget
- Anticipated future budget reductions
- The affect on licensees
- Downsizing to one day
- The anticipated need for a larger facility and associated costs
- The affect on other organizations that also provide CE courses

Sherri Egashira, OD, representing the Optometric Physicians of Washington (OPW), added that the OPW is committed to making more hours of continuing education available to licensees.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to provide the 2003 Seminar as scheduled on March 15-16, 2003. In the interim, the Board will continue its review which will include a survey mailed to licensees in January 2003 along with the regular seminar notification. Results of the survey will be reviewed by the Board at its March 2003, meeting.

The Board will begin development of the survey at its September 20, 2002, meeting.

2.3 Planning session for 2003 seminar

Dr. Jeffrey Sutro was appointed to Chair the March 15-16, 2003, seminar. Dr. Chin will assist as Co-Chair.

3. Request from California Optometric Association to accept electronically generated transcripts as proof of continuing education credits.

The California Optometric Association records attendance at its conferences through a unique barcode system on name badges. The name badge is scanned

when a member enters and leaves a class. Transcripts are printed from the scanned data.

Following discussion, the Board agreed that transcripts produced in this way were acceptable. The Board agreed to approve the request if the California Optometric Association was currently an Approved Administrator by the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE).

Staff will contact the California Optometric Association to determine whether that organization is an Approved Administrator through COPE.

4. Continuing Education Courses

4.1 Review of courses submitted for approval.

The following courses were approved by the Board :

"Glaucoma Lectures" submitted by Richard Kellogg, O.D. Presented by Legacy Health Systems on June 7-8, 2002, in Portland, Oregon. Approved for nine and one half hours.

"Corneal Infections and Epiphora", "LASIK Update", "Cases and Ocular Disease Updates. Submitted by Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute, presented on May 24, 2002, in Spokane, Washington. Approved for five hours.

"Treatment Strategies for Managing Glaucoma", courses submitted by Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute, presented on March 20, 2002, in Pasco, Washington. Approved for two hours.

"Infectious Disease Conference" submitted by Ronald Scaman, O.D., presented on May 4, 2002, in Longview, Washington Approved for four hours.

"Mooren's Ulcer" and "Corneal Melts" publications by Doug Harshman, O.D. Each publication was approved for three hours per WAC 246-851-150.

"Macular Degeneration Lecture", prepared and presented by Doug Harshman, O.D. Approved for four hours per WAC 246-851-180.

"The Eleventh Annual Continuing Education/Social Weekend in Las Vegas" presented by the Asian American Optometric Society on April 13-14, 2002 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Approved for eight hours

4.2 Designation of reviewers for third quarter

Dr. Sutro agreed to review continuing education courses submitted for approval through the next meeting, September 20, 2002. Dr. Ryan will assist if needed.

5. Presentation of Agreed Order, Docket number 02-01-A1084OD.

The presentation was deferred.

6. Incentive Programs offered by lens manufacturers

The Board discussed whether it is appropriate to participate in incentive plans offered by lens manufacturers. Don Williams, Executive Director, advised that the Board consider RCW 18.130.180(25) when reviewing this matter. Mr. Williams also advised that related guidelines developed by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) were available.

The Board requested that a copy of the PhRMA guidelines be made available for continued discussion at its next meeting on September 20, 2002.

7. Requests for Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Endorsement

The Board considered a request for endorsement to use pharmaceutical agents from Aaron Mancuso, O.D. Based on the information provided, the Board agreed that Dr. Mancuso should receive the endorsement.

8. Legislative Update

Issues being considered for introduction into the 2003 legislative session were provided for the Board's information.

9. Budget Report

The Board reviewed revenue and expenditures for the month ending April 30, 2002.

10. Other Open Session Business

None

CLOSED SESSION

11. Review of Licensing Applications

The Board approved one application for licensure.

12. Disciplinary Case Review

The following cases were presented:

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
2002-04-0001OD	Closed, Does not appear to be a violation.
2002-04-0002OD	Closed, Does not appear to be a violation
2002-05-0001OD	Closed, Does not appear to be a violation
2002-05-0002	Closed, Does not appear to be a violation
2002-05-0003	Closed, Does not appear to be a violation
2002-05-0004OD	Referred for investigation

13. Other Closed Session Business

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Haenke, Program Manager

Approved, R. Richard Ryan, O.D., Chair